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## NOTES AND NEWS

The death of Heinrich Gotthard von Treitschke removes the last (with the exception of Mommsen) of that group of great German historians who, fifteen or twenty years ago, made Berlin the capital of the historical world. Though Treitschke was very far from exemplifying that pure objectivity of treatment which the greatest members of the group inculcated, and will therefore never be placed upon the same level with the chief masters of history, his talent and power were such as to win him extraordinary influence and repute. Treitschke was born at Dresden on September 15, 1834, and died on April 28, 1896. After obtaining the doctorate at Leipzig in 1858, he taught political economy for some time in the academy of rural economy at Lutzschena. In 1863 he was called to a professorship at Freiburg-im-Breisgau, which, however, he characteristically abandoned in 1866, when Baden sided with Austria against Prussia. Filled with zeal for German unity, he went to Berlin, and became editor of the Preussische After some years' service at Heidelberg, — 1867-1874, he, in the latter year, obtained the chair at Berlin which he has since held, and from which, as a teacher of modern German history imbued with Prussian sentiments, he exerted so great an influence upon young Germany. In spite of deafness and imperfect articulation, he was one of the most successful lecturers in the university. He had many of the best gifts of the orator, as was evinced not only before academic audiences, but in the Reichstag, of which he was a member from 1871 to 1888, at first as a National Liberal and later as a Conservative. But his gifts of research and presentation were at the service of vehement, though honest and manly, prejudices, and his teaching bred chauvinism as well as patriotism and the love of national unity. The same qualities marked and marred his books. The chief of them, his Deutsche Geschichte im neunzehnten Jahrhundert, of which five volumes have been published, 1879-1890, though brilliant and instructive in a high degree, cannot be read with equanimity by any one not German, can hardly be so read by any one not Prussian. Treitschke's minor writings include a collection of essays, Historische und Politische Aufsätze, of which, beginning with 1870, several editions have been published; Der Socialismus und seine Gönner, 1875; and Zehn Jahre Deutscher Kämpfe, published in the same year.

Professor Dr. Friedrich Heinrich Geffcken, who died at Munich on the first of May, was born in Hamburg in 1830. From 1854 to 1869 he was in the diplomatic service of the Hanse Towns; from 1872 to 1882, pro-

fessor of public law at Strassburg. He was more prominently connected with the study of political science and international law than with that of history, but published in the latter field one highly important work, Staat und Kirche in ihrem Verhältniss geschichtlich entwickelt, Berlin, 1875, which has been translated into English; and minor works on the coup d'état of 1851 and on the Crimean War. In September, 1888, he caused the publication in the Deutsche Rundschau of extracts from the diary of the Emperor Frederick in 1870–1871, for which he was imprisoned upon an accusation for high treason, but finally acquitted.

Victor Krause, of Berlin, who had been especially devoted to the Carolingian period, and edited a portion of the capitularies for the *Monumenta Germaniæ Historica*, died at Falkenstein, on March 9, aged thirty.

Dr. William H. Palmer, of Richmond, Va., an admirable antiquarian, who edited the earlier portion of the *Calendar of Virginia State Papers*, died on March 3, aged seventy-five.

Under the title, Alte und neue Richtungen in der Geschichtswissenschaft (Berlin, R. Gaertner, pp. 79), Professor Karl Lamprecht publishes two suggestive essays: I. "Ueber geschichtliche Auffassung und geschichtliche Methode"; II. "Ranke's Ideenlehre und die Jungrankianer."

The Revue Internationale des Archives, des Bibliothèques et des Musées, I. 4 (Archives, No. 2), contains an article upon Sybel as an archivist, an account of the Spanish archives, by Señor Rafael Altamira, and briefer articles upon the new examining board for the Prussian archives, on the proposed organization of the Italian archives, on those of Rumania, and on the new regulations in those of the Austrian ministry of the interior, and at the Vatican.

Dr. Max Heimbucher has published in the Wissenschaftliche Handbibliothek the first volume of an extensive treatise on Die Orden und Kongregationen der katholischen Kirche (Paderborn, Schöningh, 583 pp.).

#### ANCIENT HISTORY.

Messrs. Williams and Norgate publish the second volume of Kittel's *History of the Hebrews*, translated by the Rev. H. W. Hogg and the Rev. E. B. Speirs, under the immediate supervision of Professor Cheyne of Oxford.

A student's *History of Rome* has been published by Messrs. Longmans, Green and Co. The authors are Walter W. How, M.A., Fellow and Lecturer of Merton College, Oxford, and Henry D. Leigh, M.A., Fellow and Tutor of Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

A full and official account of the discoveries in the lake of Nemi may now be read in *Notizie degli Scavi* for October, 1895 (by F. Barnabei). See, also, G. Tommassetti, *Le Scoperti nel Lago di Nemi* (Nuova Antologia, December 1).

Noteworthy articles in periodicals: W. M. Flinders Petrie, Egypt and Israel (Contemporary Review, May); J. Gennadius, Modern Archaelogy: Recent Excavations in Greece (Forum, May); F. Moreau, Les Finances de la Royauté Homérique (Revue des Études Grecques, XXXI.); J. B. Bury, The History of the Names Hellas, Hellenes (Journal of Hellenic Studies, XV. 2); J. B. Jevons, Work and Wages in Athens (Journal of Hellenic Studies, XV. 2); Tomaschek, Die alten Thraken (Sitzungsberichte der phil.-hist. Classe der k. Akad. der Wissenschaften in Wien, cxxx, cxxxi); J. Kromayer, Kleine Forschungen zur Geschichte des zweiten Triumvirats (Hermes, — XXXI. 1); H. F. Pelham, The Emperor Claudius and the Chiefs of the Ædui (Classical Review, IX. 9); M. A. Roger, Chronologie du Règne de Postumus (Revue Historique, May).

#### MEDIÆVAL HISTORY.

The fifth volume of the English translation of Hefele's *History of the Councils of the Church* covers the period from 626 to the close of the Second Council of Nicæa in 787. It is understood that this is the final volume of the English translation.

It is understood that M. A. Giry intends to publish an extensive collection of the charters and documents of the Carolingian period.

In the series of Translations and Reprints from the Original Sources of European History, published by the historical department of the University of Pennsylvania, Vol. III., No. 2 consists of Statistical Documents of the Middle Ages, edited by Professor Roland P. Falkner. The documents translated include certain articles from the capitulary De Villis of Charlemagne, and an inventory of one of his estates; the instructions for the collection of the returns embraced in Domesday, and an extract from the survey itself; statistics of military forces in Germany in 1422; and accounts of the resources of Venice and other powers at about the same date.

Noteworthy articles in periodicals: J. G. C. Anderson, *The Campaign of Basil I. against the Paulicians* (Classical Review, April); Ellen M. Clerke, *Wanderings of Early Irish Saints on the Continent* (Dublin Review, April).

#### MODERN EUROPEAN HISTORY.

Dr. Richard Ehrenberg has published the first volume of a work called *Das Zeitalter der Fugger*. The first volume is entitled *Die Geldmächte des 16. Jahrhunderts* (Jena, G. Fischer, 420 pp.).

The late Mr. C. A. Fyffe's History of Modern Europe (1792–1878), originally published in three volumes, has now been issued by Messrs. Henry Holt and Co., in a single volume (pp. xxiv, 1088), with such slight revisions, at the hands of Mrs. Fyffe, as she found to have been indicated by him as desirable.

Noteworthy articles in periodicals: Rev. T. B. Scannell, Alexander VI. (Dublin Review, April); J. Klaczko, Rome et la Renaissance: Le Jeu de ce Monde, 1509–1512 (Revue des Deux Mondes, April 1); W. J. Onahan, Scotland's Service to France (American Catholic Quarterly Review, April); Kienast, Friedrich II. und Ungarn (Mittheilungen des k. k. Kriegsarchivs, IX.); K. Adam, Kulturgeschichtliche Streifzüge durch das Jahr 1848–49, I. (Zeitschrift für Kulturgeschichte, III. 4, 5); P. de la Gorce, Napoléon III. et les Annexions Italiennes en 1859 et 1860 (Le Correspondant, March 10); M. G. Giacometti, La Question de l'Annexion de Nice en 1860 (Revue des Deux Mondes, March 1).

## GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The recent historical publications of the English government include the first volume of the second series of the Index of Chancery Proceedings, extending from 1558 to 1579; the thirteenth volume (1622–1625) of the Register of the Privy Council of Scotland, edited by Professor David Masson; the second volume of "Border Papers," Calendar of Letters and Papers relating to the Affairs of the Borders of England and Scotland (1595–1603), edited by J. Bain; two volumes of the Calendar of the Patent Rolls (1334–1338 and 1377–1381); Vol. XI. (1578–1580) of the Acts of the Privy Council of England, edited by J. R. Dasent; Vol. XV. (1523–1529) of the Rotuli Scaccarii Regum Scotorum, edited by G. P. McNeill; and a volume (January 1598–March 1599) of the Calendar of State Papers relating to Ireland.

In the forty-sixth volume of the *Dictionary of National Biography*, the articles of most importance and interest to historical students are those on Cardinal Reginald Pole by Mr. James Gairdner, on Pope by Mr. Leslie Stephen, on Priestley by Alexander Gordon and P. J. Hartog, and on Prynne by Mr. C. H. Firth. American readers will also feel a special interest in Mr. W. P. Courtney's article on Governor Thomas Pownall, and in that of Mr. J. M. Rigg on Lord Camden. The volume extends from Pocock to Puckering.

The announcements of the Clarendon Press include Mr. C. Plummer's critical edition of Bede in two volumes, with introduction and notes; Bale's Index Britanniae Scriptorum, edited by Mr. R. L. Poole; the seventh and eighth volumes of the late Professor Thorold Rogers' History of Agriculture and Prices; and the first two volumes of a new edition of Bishop Burnet's History of My Own Time, edited by Mr. Osmund Airy.

A new and enlarged edition of Mr. Walter Rye's *Records and Record Searching* is announced by George Allen of London.

The trustees of the British Museum have begun the publication of a folio series of fac-similes of autographs in their possession, royal, historical, literary, and other.

Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston and Co. have in preparation, under the general editorship of Mr. W. Laird Clowes, an exhaustive *History of the British Navy* from the earliest times down to the present day. It is the work of the best-known naval writers both of England and of America, and will be very fully illustrated with portraits, plans, copies of contemporary pictures, fac-similes of documents, etc. The first volume, consisting of between five and six hundred pages, will bring the record down to about the reign of Elizabeth; later periods are being dealt with at considerably greater length.

The first part of Professor J. B. Thayer's Law of Evidence will be published about August 1 by Little, Brown and Co., in their Students' Series. It will contain his valuable papers on the older modes of trial and the development of the jury, which were published in the Harvard Law Review. These papers have been carefully revised, and much new matter has been added.

Messrs. Swan Sonnenschein and Co. announce the publication of the second volume of the inedited works of Richard Rolle of Hampole, edited from the manuscripts by Dr. Carl Horstmann, of Berlin.

Professor W. J. Ashley's English Economic History, Part I., has been translated into German by Robert Oppenheim, under the title Englische Wirthschaftsgeschichte; eine Einleitung in die Entwickelung von Wirthschaftsleben und Wirthschaftslehre. I. Das Mittelalter (Leipzig, Duncker und Humblot).

The Surtees Society has begun the publication (in its ninety-third volume) of Extracts from the Records of the Merchant-Adventurers of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Durham, Andrews, pp. lii, 315).

The ninth volume of the *Camden Miscellany*, recently published by the Camden Society, contains a highly important collection of letters from Elizabeth's bishops to the Privy Council, written in 1564 in reply to questions asked by that body; and valuable new material relating to Strafford.

Attention should be called to Mr. W. A. Shaw's Select Tracts and Documents Illustrative of English Monetary History, 1626 to 1730 (London, C. Wilson, 1895, pp. 260).

The fifth volume of *Social England*, edited by Mr. H. D. Traill, is expected to appear this summer. It will cover the period from the accession of George I. to the battle of Waterloo.

Under authority of the Secretary of State for India it is proposed to publish *in extenso* the early records of the East India Company, contained in the series of volumes known as the "O. C." Records. Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston and Co., publishers to the India Office, are receiving subscribers' names for the first series of ten volumes, to be issued half-yearly. The first volume, it is hoped, will be ready by the end of May, and will have an introduction by Mr. F. C. Danvers, Registrar and Superintendent

of Records at the India Office. The title given to the series is Letters from the East, or India Office "O. C." Records; being Original Correspondence from India, with Collateral Documents, originating at any places between England and Japan, 1603 to 1708.

Messrs. Longmans, Green and Co. announce an Analytical Index to Sir John W. Kaye's "History of the Sepoy War," and to Colonel G. B. Malleson's "History of the Indian Mutiny."

Noteworthy articles in periodicals: W. Stokes, Les Annales de Tigernach (Revue Celtique, October, January); L. Duchesne, L'Historia Britonum (ibid., January); The History of English Law before the Time of Edward I. (Edinburgh Review, April); C. S. Taylor, The Pre-Domesday Hide of Gloucestershire (Transactions of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archæological Society, XVIII. 2); Sir F. Pollock, A Brief Survey of Domesday (English Historical Review, April); F. Liebermann, Magister Vacarius (English Historical Review, April); F. W. Maitland, A Song on the Death of Simon de Montfort (English Historical Review, April); F. W. Maitland, Wyclif on English and Roman Law (Law Quarterly Review, January); Sir W. W. Hunter, A Forgotten Oxford Movement, 1681 (Fortnightly Review, May); W. A. Steel, William Paterson (English Historical Review, April); Hon. G. Peel, Sir Robert Peel (Nineteenth Century, April).

#### FRANCE.

The Abbé Féret, in the third volume of his *Histoire de la Faculté de Théologie de Paris*, treats of the history of the university in the fourteenth century: the colleges founded, the teachers, the discussions of the period, and the voluminous writings of the various doctors.

M. G. Saige, archivist of the principality of Monaco, has published from his archives a series of documents of much importance for the history of Lower Normandy from 1165 to 1329, and relating to a family interesting to English readers, namely, the *Cartulaire de la Seigneurie de Fontenay-le-Marmion* (Monaco, 1895, pp. 231).

An important and highly original work on the French finances of the thirteenth century is that of Colonel Borrelli de Serres, entitled *Recherches sur divers Services Publics* . . . au XIII<sup>e</sup> Siècle (Paris, Picard, 1895, pp. 612).

- M. G. Lefèvre-Pontalis is preparing an extensive work on the English invasion of France in the fifteenth century.
- M. Dreyfus-Brisach has lately brought out an edition of the *Contrat Social* (Paris, Alcan), with notes and other critical apparatus more extensive than in any previous edition.

Documentary material of great importance for the history of the Revolution is contained in the *Recueil de Documents relatifs à la Convocation des États Généraux de 1789*, of which M. A. Brette has published the

first volume in the Collection des Documents inédits relatifs à l'Histoire de France; and in the Registre des Délibérations du Consulat Provisoire, which M. Aulard has edited for the Société de l'Histoire de la Révolution Française.

The memoirs of General Lejeune, reviewed upon another page of this journal, have been translated into English by Mrs. Arthur Bell, and published by Messrs. Longmans, Green and Co.; Messrs. Macmillan and Co. publish a translation, by Albert D. Vandam, of Viscount Élie de Gontaut-Biron's *Mission to Berlin*, 1871 to 1877.

The archive-division of the ministry of foreign affairs has issued a third volume of its inventories in the series *Mémoires et Documents*, extending the inventory of the Fonds de France and the Fonds Divers from 1814 to 1830. In February, a fire at the war-office archives destroyed a great part of the reports of commissaries under the First Empire.

Noteworthy articles in periodicals: P. Imbart de la Tour, Les Paroisses Rurales dans l'ancienne France, du IVe au XIe Siècle, II. (Revue Historique, May); Th. Bouquillon, The University of Paris, III. (Catholic University Bulletin, January); Comte M. de Germiny, Blanche de Castille, Reine de France (Revue des Questions Historiques, April); J. Viard, La France sous Philippe VI. de Valois (Revue des Questions Historiques, April); J. Lemoine, Du Guesclin à Jersey (Revue Historique, May); Abbé Tauzin, Louis XI. et la Gascogne (Revue des Questions Historiques, April); Comte d'Haussonville, La Duchesse de Bourgogne et l'Alliance Savoyarde sous Louis XIV., I. (Revue des Deux Mondes, April 15); M. Lenz, Die Französische Revolution und die Kirche (Cosmopolis, February); George Duruy, Le Régime Directorial d'après des Documents Inédits (Revue des Deux Mondes, March 15); Le 18 Fructidor - Fragment des Mémoires Inédits de Barras (Revue des Deux Mondes, April 1); G. Duruy, Barras et le 18 Brumaire (Revue de Paris, March 15); L. Lecestre, La Guerre de la Péninsule (1807-1813), d'après la Correspondance Inédite de Napoléon Ier (Revue des Questions Historiques, April); Earl Cowper, Memoirs of the Duc de Persigny (Nineteenth Century, April).

## ITALY, SPAIN, PORTUGAL.

From the beginning of the present year, the *Rivista Storica Itatiana* has taken on a new character. It prints no more body-articles, but only reviews, etc. It will appear every other month, and at a lower price than heretofore.

An important work on the archives of Italy is being prepared by G. Mazzatinti. It is expected to present an account of the printed or manuscript inventories of all the collections of archives in the kingdom, and detailed statements respecting those collections that have not yet been indexed.

Messrs. J. M. Battaglino and J. Calligaris are issuing (Turin, Bocca) a chronological index to the *Antiquitates Italica Medii Ævi* and minor works of Muratori.

In the Archivio della R. Società Romana di Storia Patria for 1895, Fasc. I.—IV., among the leading contents are continuations of P. Savignoni's elaborate account of the historical archives of the commune of Viterbo, and of L. G. Pélissier's documents relative to the alliance of Alexander VI. and Louis XII. (1498 to 1499). Still more interesting and of great importance is the diary of Marcello Alberini (1521–1536), a document of the first order for the history of the sack of Rome and other events of the time. It is edited by Domenico Orano, who supplies an extensive historical introduction.

Count Ugo Balzani, in a little pamphlet reprinted from the transactions of the Accademia dei Lincei (Di alcuni Documenti dell' Archivio del Santo Uffizio di Roma), gives an interesting account, based on manuscript volumes of the Inquisition which have strayed to the library of Trinity College, Dublin, of the curious agitations raised, in spite of the lapse of a century, when in 1722 the body of Fra Paolo Sarpi was discovered at Venice, in large part undecayed.

The April number of the *Revista Critica de Historia y Literatura Españolas*, etc., contains a list, with brief abstracts, of all articles relating to Spanish history that have appeared in the *Archivio Storico per le Provincie Napoletane* from its foundation, in 1876, to the present time.

There has been established at Madrid, under the editorial care of Sr. José Ramon Mélida, a journal called *Boletin de Archivos*, *Bibliotecas y Museos*.

The leading publications in Spanish history issued in 1893, 1894, and 1895 are reviewed by Konrad Häbler in the *Historische Zeitschrift*, LXXVI. 3.

### GERMANY, AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND.

The fourth congress of German historical scholars will be held at Innsbruck, September 11-14. An anthropological exhibition for northern Bavaria will be maintained this summer at Nuremberg.

The first Lieferung of Regesta Imperii XI.: Die Urkunden Kaiser Sigmunds (1410–1437), edited by Wilhelm Altmann, has appeared (Innsbruck, Wagner).

Messrs. Kegan Paul, Trench, Trübner and Co. have begun the publication of a translation of Janssen's *Geschichte des deutschen Volkes*, by M. A. Mitchell and A. M. Christie.

In the section of the Berlin Academy's Acta Borussica dedicated to the history of Prussian administration, W. Naudé has brought out the introductory volume of a series on the Prussian corn-laws: Die Getreidehandelspolitik der europäischen Staaten vom 13. bis zum 18. Jahrhundert, als Einleitung in die preussische Getreidehandelspolitik (Berlin, Parey, pp. xvi, 443).

The four hundredth anniversary of Melanchthon's birth will be celebrated on February 16, 1897, at his birthplace, Brettin in Baden. The foundation of a Melanchthon Museum on the site of the house in which he was born is contemplated.

Professor Th. Kolde has printed, in a single handy volume, the Augsburg Confession in Latin and German, with notes, and with five appendices containing the Marburg, Schwabach, and Torgau articles, the *Confutatio Pontificia*, and the *Augustana* of 1540 (*Die Augsburger Konfession*, etc., Gotha, F. A. Perthes, pp. 224).

Volume LXIV. of the *Publikationen aus den königl. preussischen Staatsarchiven* is a special volume of Pomeranian history by Archivist Dr. Max Bär, *Die Politik Pommerns während des dreissigjährigen Krieges* (Leipzig, S. Hirzel, pp. xi, 503).

The recent historical literature of Bohemia is reviewed by J. Goll in the May number of the *Revue Historique*.

A lavishly illustrated history of the Austrian army, from the year 1700 to 1867, is announced by Emil Berté and Co. and S. Czeiger of Vienna for publication in twenty-five parts. The parts will each contain from three to four sheets of letter-press, and four or five fac-similes of the water-color illustrations, beside numerous engravings in the text, and will appear at intervals of two or three months.

Dr. Gaspard Wirz, after prolonged researches in Italian archives, especially those of the Vatican, has published an important series of documents concerning the relations between Switzerland and the Papacy in the earlier part of the sixteenth century, Akten über die diplomatischen Beziehungen der römischen Curie zu der Schweiz, 1512–1552. It forms Vol. XVI. of the Quellen zur Schweizer Geschichte (Basel, Geering, 1895, pp. li, 534).

Noteworthy articles in periodicals: Schäfer, Die Beurtheilung Heinrich's des Löwen (Historische Zeitschrift, LXXVI. 3); F. W. E. Roth, Zur Geschichte der Meistersänger zu Mainz und Nürnberg (Zeitschrift für Kulturgeschichte, III. 4, 5); K. Jany, Lehndienst und Landfolge unter dem grossen Kurfürsten (Forschungen zur Brandenb. und Preuss. Geschichte, VIII. 2); O. Hintze, Preussische Reformbestrebungen vor 1806 (Historische Zeitschrift, LXXVI. 3); P. Matter, Le Sonderbund (Annales de l'École Libre des Sciences Politiques, — January); H. Grimm, Heinrich von Treitschke und seine deutsche Geschichte (Deutsche Rundschau, January).

## NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM.

The Dutch government has made a grant for researches in the French archives with reference to Dutch history. M. Gédéon Huet, of Paris, will

first make, under the direction of Professors R. Fruin and P. J. Blok, a provisional list of diplomatic documents relating to Dutch history to be found in Parisian archives.

The Queen-Regent of the Netherlands has ordered the erection, in the palace park of the Hague, of a building, constructed after the most approved modern devices, to contain the archives of the family of Orange-Nassau. It is expected to be open to the public by the end of the year 1897.

The historical society of Utrecht has published the accounts of the ancient gilds of Dordrecht (1438–1600), with an introduction by Mr. Overvoorde, and the most ancient accounts of the city of Groningen, edited by Professor P. J. Blok.

An important chapter in the history of early printing will be elucidated by a work announced by Mr. E. W. Moes, Assistant Librarian of the University of Amsterdam, entitled *De Amsterdamsche Boekdrukkers en Uitgevers in de Zestiende Eeuw*.

The municipal council of Rotterdam have published, under the editorial care of Messrs. Unger and Bezemer, archivists of the city, the second volume of their great documentary collection, *Bronnen voor de Geschiedenis van Rotterdam*. It contains chronicles of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, annotated, and accompanied by an atlas of plans of the city during those two centuries.

Mr. Fockema-Andreæ, of Leiden, has brought out a new and admirably annotated edition (Leiden, Brill) of the classic *Inleiding tot de Hollandsche Regtsgeleerdheid* of Hugo Grotius.

A new half-volume of the *Fontes Rerum Austriacarum*, XLVIII. 1 in the series *Diplomata et Acta*, contains the letters of the Archduchess Marie Christine, regent of the Netherlands, to Leopold II. (Vienna, C. Gerold's Sohn, pp. cxxi, 360), with an introductory essay by the editor, Dr. Hanns Schlitter, on the policy of that emperor toward France.

Noteworthy articles in periodicals: G. Edmundson, *The Dutch Power in Brazil*. I. *The Struggle for Bahia*, 1624–1627 (English Historical Review, April); E. Wertheimer, *Un projet de Divorce entre Louis Bonaparte et la Reine Hortense* (Revue Historique, May).

## NORTHERN AND EASTERN EUROPE.

Mr. Ludvig Wimmer, who has been for many years occupied with the study of the Danish runic inscriptions, and has, it seems, personally visited, in company with an artist, all that are known, 224 in number, has now brought out, as the result of his researches, the first volume of a monumental illustrated collection entitled *De Danske Runemindesmærker* (Copenhagen, Gyldendal, 1895). This volume covers the inscriptions dealing with historical persons and events.

The recent historical literature of Denmark is reviewed by J. Steenstrup in the Revue Historique for May. The most important books commented upon (and with high praise) are: J. A. Fredericia, Adelsvældens sidste Dage (1648–1660); A. D. Jærgensen, Peter Schumacher Griffenfeld; E. Holm, Danmark-Norges Historie under Kristian VI. (1730–1746); and M. Rubin, Frederik VI.'s Tid (1814–1839); also, in a different field, Finnur Jonsson, Den Oldnorske og Oldislandske Litteraturs Historie, Vol. I., which expresses views quite opposed to those made familiar by Professor Sophus Bugge.

Under the title *Svenska Skriftprof* Messrs. Emil Hildebrand, Alg. Boertzell, and H. Wieselgren have begun the publication of a collection of specimens of Swedish manuscript. The first number is devoted chiefly to the Middle Ages, and includes documents, mostly drawn from the archives of the kingdom, from the period of St. Eric to modern times.

The St. Petersburg Academy of Sciences intends to begin issuing a publication presenting the most important unprinted documents from the archives respecting the history of Russia in the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries. The series will form a supplement to those of the acts of the Muscovite government and the decisions of the Senate already published.

M. G. Schybergson's history of Finland, translated from the Swedish into German, has begun to appear in the Heeren and Ukert series, *Geschichte der europäischen Staaten* (Gotha, F. A. Perthes, Abth. I., pp. xxiv, 663).

Mr. Xenopol, professor at Jassy, has published a history of Rumania in two volumes, *Histoire des Roumains de la Dacie trajane* (Paris, E. Leroux), drawn from his more extensive, and standard, *Istoria Romanilor*. Volume I. extends from B.C. 513 to A.D. 1633; Vol. II. from the latter date to the union of Moldavia and Wallachia in 1859.

Under the auspices of the ministry of public instruction in the kingdom of Rumania, N. Jorga has just published the first volume of a series entitled Actes et Fragments relatifs à l'Histoire des Roumains, rassemblés dans les Dépôts de Manuscrits de l'Occident, gathered chiefly in Paris and Berlin (Bucharest, 1895, pp. lxii, 400).

#### AMERICA.

A meeting at Washington, on April 24, organized a Southern History Association, the objects of which are: the encouragement of original research, discussion, conference among members, the widening of personal acquaintance, the collection of historical materials, and publication of results. Hon. W. L. Wilson, postmaster-general, was chosen president of the new Association. The vice-presidents are Dr. J. L. M. Curry, Gen. M. C. Butler, Gen. Marcus J. Wright, Hon. John R. Procter, Mr. Thomas Nelson Page, and Prof. Woodrow Wilson. The secretary is Dr. Colyer Meriwether, and the treasurer Mr. Thomas M. Owen.

The Scotch-Irish Society held its annual congress at Harrisburg, Penn., May 6-8.

The Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society, Vol. X., Part II., contain the transactions of the meeting of October 23, 1895. Dr. Egbert C. Smyth contributed an interesting paper on Some Early Writings of Jonathan Edwards. There are two bibliographical papers: that by Mr. Nathaniel Paine, the separate issue of which is reviewed elsewhere in these pages, and one by Dr. Justin Winsor on the Literature of Witchcraft in New England. Dr. Philipp J. J. Valentini contributes an analysis of the pictorial text inscribed on two Palenque tablets, and Mr. Edward H. Thompson a paper on the Ancient Tombs of Palenque. The number also contains remarks of Senator C. K. Davis on the newer northwestern states, and of Mr. C. F. Adams on the battle of Bunker Hill.

The second volume of Mr. E. J. Payne's History of the New World called America may be expected from the Clarendon Press this spring.

It is now expected that the admirable edition of the Jesuit Relations, proposed by Messrs. Burrows Brothers, will begin to appear in August. The series will consist of about sixty volumes. Seven hundred and fifty sets will be printed. We have already described the undertaking. The editor, Mr. Reuben G. Thwaites, will furnish an introduction containing a summary of the labors of the Jesuit missionaries in New France, and an account of the Relations themselves, their bibliography, and their historical value. Each volume will have its own bibliographical matter, and lives of the respective Fathers. An elaborate index will be provided. The publication will embrace, with translations and notes, not only the matter of the Cramoisy, Shea, and O'Callaghan volumes, but all other important cognate documentary materials.

One of the most useful of recent government publications is the new Check-List of Congressional Documents from the First to the Fifty-third Congress and various Miscellaneous Publications of the U. S. Government Departments (Washington, Government Printing Office, pp. 222).

The first volume of the messages, addresses, and proclamations of the Presidents, compiled under authority of Congress by Representative Richardson of Tennessee, may be expected shortly. The work will embrace all annual, special, and veto messages, inaugural addresses, and proclamations of the Presidents from the beginning of the government down to the close of the present administration. A certain portion will consist of material hitherto unpublished; for the Senate has recently removed the injunction of secrecy from all executive messages since the end of Johnson's term, in order that Mr. Richardson might have access to them. The first volume will include the administrations of Washington, Adams, Jefferson, and Madison.

Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons have begun the issue of a new edition, in four volumes, of the collection of *American Orations*, originally edited by

the late Professor Alexander Johnston. The new edition is edited and annotated by Professor James A. Woodburn, of Indiana University. In the first volume, which has now appeared, Madison's speech on the adoption of the Constitution in the Virginia Convention is, with good reason, substituted for that of Patrick Henry. Other additions consist of Otis's speech on the Writs of Assistance, and speeches of Samuel Adams, Gallatin, and Benton. The revised edition is intended to be purely a collection of specimens of political oratory. Biographical and historical notes and references are added.

The latest issue (No. 65) in the series of *Old South Leaflets* consists of Washington's fourteen letters to the various religious bodies which congratulated him upon his election. They furnish an interesting evidence of his breadth of view in religious matters, and of his liberal spirit toward Roman Catholics, Jews, Quakers, Baptists, etc.

The present year's series of Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science has opened with the following numbers: Henry E. Chambers, The Constitutional History of Hawaii; Thaddeus P. Thomas, The City Government of Baltimore; F. L. Riley, The Colonial Origins of New England Senates; John S. Bassett, Slavery and Servitude in the Colony of North Carolina, 1663 to 1865. The next forthcoming numbers will be by J. A. C. Chandler, on Representation in Virginia; and by F. R. Jones, on the History of Taxation in Connecticut, 1636 to 1776.

The third volume of M. Auguste Moireau's *Histoire des États-Unis*, covering the period from 1800 to 1829, is ready for the printer, and may be expected to be issued some time this year.

Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons, who have published in uniform series the modern editions of the writings of Hamilton, Franklin, Washington, Jay, Jefferson, and Rufus King, announce that the series will be continued by the publication of the writings of James Monroe, in four volumes, edited by Mr. S. M. Hamilton, who has for some years had charge of the historical manuscripts in the Department of State at Washington. The first volume is expected to be ready early in 1897.

George P. Humphrey, Rochester, N. Y., has reprinted the scarce History of the American Troops, during the Late War, under the Command of Colonels Fenton and Campbell, giving an account of the crossing of the Lake from Erie to Long Point; also, the crossing of Niagara by the troops under Generals Gaines, Brown, Scott, and Porter; the taking of Fort Erie, the battle of Chippewa, the imprisonment of Colonel Bull, Major Galloway, and the author (then a captain), and their treatment; together with an historical account of the Canadas, printed in 1830 in Baltimore, by the author, Samuel White, of Adams County, Pennsylvania. The edition is limited to three hundred copies.

The annual report of the treasurer of the Massachusetts Historical Society indicates the possession by that society of property amounting to nearly \$300,000. About half of this consists of real estate.

The town of Dedham, Mass., has voted an appropriation with which to publish a fifth volume of its ancient records, edited by Mr. Don Gleason Hill, and covering the period from 1673 to 1700.

At the close of last year, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in the government of New York City appropriated \$7000 for the printing of the Dutch records of New Amsterdam. At a meeting of the Board of City Record on May 7, the Counsel to the Corporation was directed to enter into a contract with the Knickerbocker Press for the publication of a translation of these records in seven volumes, including one volume of index. Two hundred sets will be printed for the city, and probably a hundred more for public sale. The work of the publication will be done mainly under the supervision of a committee appointed by the mayor, some months ago, for the purpose, and including General James Grant Wilson, General Isaac Townsend Smith, and Messrs. Willis L. Stone, Edward F. deLancey, and Charles Burr Todd. It seems to us that the edition might well be larger, and that, unless the translation is made better than most American official translations, accurate scholars will find great reason to regret that the Dutch text is not printed with it.

A movement is on foot for persuading the common council of Brooklyn to engage upon an extensive search for materials for the history of Brooklyn from 1623 to 1780. It is proposed that the search be made in Albany, Washington, London, Amsterdam, and elsewhere.

The April number of the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* is, as usual, chiefly made up of documents for the history of the seventeenth century. Chief among these are the Defence of Colonel Edward Hill, and the Letters of William Fitzhugh, both continued, and the beginning of a series of Decisions of the Virginia General Court, taken from the late Conway Robinson's transcripts of the original records of the Court; the records have perished since Mr. Robinson made his excerpts.

The Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Virginia propose to publish in a limited edition a complete and exact copy of the parish register of Christ Church Parish, Middlesex County, Virginia. The volume extends from 1663 to 1767, and is to be furnished with a complete index. Subscriptions are to be sent to Mrs. Lucy C. Trent, 205 East Main Street, Richmond.

The April number of the William and Mary College Quarterly is largely given up to a reprint of the records of the Phi Beta Kappa Society from its foundation in 1776 to the British invasion of 1781, with illustrative matter by President Lyon G. Tyler.

The Great Bridge Chapter (Norfolk, Va.) of the Daughters of the American Revolution have provided the Virginia Historical Society with money to be expended in copying the first volume of the records of Lower Norfolk County, now kept at Portsmouth. The manuscript copy is to be kept among the archives of the Virginia Historical Society.

In the Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, Antiquary, No. 1, part 3, published by Mr. Edward W. James, the most interesting matters are a list of slave owners in Princess Anne County in 1810, a series of documents respecting the history of the Church in Lower Norfolk County from 1637 to 1640, and a collection of lists of books derived from the inventories of the oldest wills in that county.

The Filson Club of Louisville has issued, as the eleventh of its Publications, a history of the once famous Transylvania University, by the late Dr. Robert Peter and his daughter, Miss Johanna Peter, *Transylvania University: its Origin, Rise, Decline, and Fall* (Louisville, John P. Morton and Co., 202 pp.), an interesting and worthy memorial of an ancient and influential institution.

The American Historical Magazine (Nashville, Tenn.) for April contains an article on the so-called Mero District; an unpublished account of the capture of Aaron Burr, by the captor, Major Nicholas Perkins, with accompanying documents; and a continuation of the important and interesting correspondence of General James Robertson.

The third issue in the series of the Parkman Club Publications is an interesting account of the Chevalier Henry de Tonty, by Mr. Henry E. Legler; the fourth, The Aborigines of the Northwest, by Mr. Frank T. Terry; the fifth, an account of Jonathan Carver, by Mr. J. G. Gregory.

In the April number of the *Annals of Iowa*, the two chief articles are one by Hon. M. M. Ham, on The First White Man in Iowa (Julien Dubuque), and one by Charles Aldrich, on the late General Ed Wright.

Noteworthy articles in periodicals: Comte L. Rioult de Neuville, La Colonisation du Canada (Revue des Questions Historiques, April); H. M. Jenkins, The Family of William Penn, I. (Pennsylvania Magazine of History, April); Leaves from the Journal of Dr. Ezra Stiles, 1776 (New England Magazine, May); W. C. Ford, Defences of Philadelphia in 1777 (Pennsylvania Magazine of History, April); W. S. Baker, Washington after the Revolution, 1784–1799 (ibid., April).